computerised Passenger Reservation System Termainal to RTSAs/RTAs was considered in past but could not be agreed to.

(b) to (d) There is a proposal to provide Passenger Reservation System (PRS) terminals on an experimental basis to travel agents authorised under Rail Tourist Agents Scheme and Railway Travellers' Service Agents Scheme of the railways at the party's cost and with suitable safeguards etc. in order to facilitate rail reservation to common man. The provision of this facility would result in availability of more reservation counters, reduced waiting time for purchasing tickets, etc.

Unmanned Railway Crossings in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar

1100. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of unmanned railway crossings in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;

(b) how many accidents have taken place during the last two years on those corssings; and

(c) what is the number of such corssings proposed to be manned during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH):

(a)

Uttar Pradesh	-	3778 Nos.
Bihar	-	1927 Nos.
Total	-	5705 Nos.

(b) Accident statistics on Indian Railway are maintained Railway Zone-wise and not State-wise. Figures for the last two years about consequential accidents at unmanned Railway corssings on the Zonal Railways parts of which form parts of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar States, are as follows:

Year	Central Railway	Eastern Railway	Northern Railway	North Eastern Railway	North-East Frontier - Railway	Sourth Eastern Railway	Western Railway	Total
1997-98	1	—	10	8	2	5	9	35
1998-99	3	1	9	4	2	8	6	33
1999-2000 Upto Oct.99	5	—	3	9	3	—	2	22

(c) 57 unmanned level crossings in Uttar Pradesh have been sanctioned for manning during the current year i,.e. 1999-2000. In addition to this 19 & 52 unmanned level crossings in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar respectively have also been proposed for manning in the supplementary budget for 1999-2000.

Justice Khanna Commission on Railway Safety

1101. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of recommendations made by the Commission on Railway Safety, headed by Justice H.R. Khanna to ensure fool-proof safety; and

(b) what action Government have taken thereon and by when these recommendations are proposed to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Railway Safety Review Committee set up under the Chairmanship of Justice H.R. Khanna, a retired judge of the Supreme Court, has submitted Part-I of their Report, Part-II of their Report is yet to be received. In part I, the Committee has made 150 recommendations.

(b) It is proposed to take action on those recommendations which will be accepted by the Government. As implementation of many of them depend on the availability of funds and resources, it has not been possible to fix targets.

Train Accidents

1102. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an increase in the number of train accidents recently;

(b) if so, the number of train accidents which took place in the country during 1998-99 till date as compared to previous corresponding period, indicating details thereof, Zone-wise, and reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have any figures of accident-prone unmanned level crossings in Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, what concrete action Government have taken or decided so far to man such crossings during 1999-2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHHRI DIGVUAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. There has been a marginal increase.